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1. KOREA

REID (WP) DOES ITEM ON SK'S RECENT PROPOSAL TO ARRANGE FOR
US QUESTIONING OF TONGSUN PARK IN NEUTRAL COUNTRY. NOTES
OFFER CAME JUST BEFORE HOUSE OF REPS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
RESOLUTION CONDEMNING SK FOR FAILURE TO COOPERATE IN
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INVESTIGATIONS. RESOLUTION, SPONSORED BY ALL 12 MEMBERS OF
HOUSE ETHICS CMTE, ASSERTS THAT ROKG RESPONSIBLE FOR
INFLUENCE-BUYING SCHEME; THAT TRADITIONAL ALLIANCE BETWN
US/SK MIGHT BE DAMAGED IF SK FAILS TO COOPERATE IN US
INVESTIGATIONS. DURING DEBATE ON MEASURE, REP ED DERWINSKI
(R-ILL) WHO IS SUSPECTED BY DOJ OF TIPPING OFF SK WHEN
KOREAN AGENT HERE WAS ABOUT TO COOPERATE W/HOUSE INVESTIGA-
TORS, ANNOUNCED WOULD SPEAK ON RESOLUTION. ABOUT 300 REPS
CAME TO HEAR HIM, BELIEVING DERWINSKI WOULD COMMENT ON DOJ
ALLEGATIONS. HOWEVER, DERWINSKI ONLY STRESSED NEED FOR

STRONG SK ARMY TO RESIST COMMUNISM. RESOLUTION, WHICH PASSED 407-O, WILL HAVE NO SUBSTANTIVE EFFECT ON US AID TO OR AGREEMENTS W/SK.

SCALLY (REUTER 10/31) CARRIED SIMILAR REPORT NOTING THAT BRIEF DEBATE OCCURRED WHEN 2 SPEAKERS URGED MEMBERS TO SEPARATE INFLUENCE-BUYING SCANDAL FROM US SECURITY INTERESTS IN PACIFIC/PROPOSED AID FOR SK.

SUN, PHINQ CARRY AP STORY ON SK PROPOSAL; ATTY GEN BELL'S REMARKS OF 10/31 INDICATING THAT SK MIGHT "CHANGE ITS MIND" AND PERMIT TONGSUN PARK TO TESTIFY. BELL TOLD REPORTERS THAT "FOR ALL I KNOW, HE (PARK) MAY WANT TO COME BACK." BELL ALSO SAID SK UNDER "A LOT OF PRESSURE" TO CHANGE POSITION ON PARK.

2. CHINA

IN NCNA INTERVIEW, PRC VICE-MIN OF FON TRADE, CHIA SHIH, SAID IDEOLOGY WILL NOT PREVENT PRC FROM "LEARNING FROM OTHER COUNTRIES" BY SEEKING TO IMPORT ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. SHIH ALSO PREDICTED A GENERAL INCREASE WILL OCCUR IN PRC'S FON TRADE; NOTED THAT PRC NOW PREPARING TO PROMOTE TRADE UNCLASSIFIED

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RELS W/OTHER COUNTRIES ON "BASIS OF EQUALITY/MUTUAL BENEFIT" (UPI, HK NYT, JOC).

ACCORDING TO COURT PROCLAMATIONS, AT LEAST 23 PERSONS EXECUTED IN KUNMING, MAINLY FOR POL CRIMES. EXECUTIONS LATEST IN SERIES ACROSS COUNTRY SINCE PURGE OF GANG OF 4. PROCLAMATIONS INDICATE THAT PURGE OF GANG'S FOLLOWERS IS CONTINUING. PROVINCIAL RADIO BROADCASTS SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT CAMPAIGN PROCEEDING NEITHER AS QUICKLY/ SMOOTHLY AS CENTRAL LEADERSHIP WOULD LIKE. TRAVELERS TO KUNMING SAID POSTED COURT PROCLAMATIONS CONTAINED 47 NAMES, 23 OF WICH WERE LISTED FOR IMMEDIATE EXECUTION IN SEPT. OTHER 24 SENTENCED TO PRISON TERMS (REUTER PEKING, WP).

DESPITE GOOD GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT GROWTH RATE, HK ECON LOOKING FRAGILE ACCORDING TO LATEST EMPLOYMENT/TRADE FIGURES. IN YEAR ENDED JUNE, EMPLOYMENT IN TEXTILES/ GARMENTS FELL BY 15,000. TRADE FIGURES FOR SEPT SHOWED DOMESTIC EXPORTS DECLINED FOR 2ND MONTH IN ROW (JOC HK).

3. AUSTRALIA

PRINCE CHARLES ARRIVES SYDNEY TO BEGIN 11-DAY AUSTRALIA VISIT (REUTER, SYDNEY).

JOC'S STOVE DOES ITEM ON AUSTRALIA'S AGGRESSIVE ALUMINUM INDUSTRY. NOTES ALL SECTIONS OF INDUSTRY--MINING/REFINING/

SMELTING/FABRICATION--LOOKING FORWARD TO PERIOD OF
RECORD EXPANSION FOLLOWING WORST SLUMP INDUSTRY HAS
EXPERIENCED.

4. NEW ZEALAND

MULDOON LEAVES 11/7 FOR 3-WK US VISIT, WHICH WILL
INCLUDE MTGS W/PRES CARTER, OTHER US OFFICIALS.
MULDOON WILL FLY L.A. 11/7, ARRIVE WASHINGTON FOLLOWING
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DAY. PM TO MEET CARTER 11/9 (REUTER NEW ZEALAND).

∴ PHILIPPINES

MARCOS LIFTED 5-YR MARTIAL LAW BAN ON FREE DEBATE
10/31 TO ENSURE GENUINE BALLOT IN PRESIDENTIAL REFERENDUM
12/17. TOLD JOURNALISTS NO ONE DISCUSSING REFERENDUM
WOULD BE ARRESTED PROVIDED THEY DIDN'T VIOLATE SECURITY
LAWS (REUTER MANILA 10/31; UPI, NYT).

6. JAPAN

JAPANESE TEXTILE WORKERS HAVE CALLED FOR PUBLIC BOYCOTT
ON GOODS SOLD IN JAPAN BY J P STEVENS CO. GROUP RESPONDING
TO AFL-CIO CALL FOR INTL BOYCOTT AGAINST NY-BASED FIRM
ON GROUNDS IT HAS TRIED STOP ATTEMPTS BY ITS WORKERS TO
ORGANIZE UNION (REUTER TOKYO 10/31).

DOLLAR HITS ANOTHER RECORD LOW ON TOKYO FOREX MART
11/1, CLOSING AT 248.60 TO YEN (REUTER TOKYO).

SHIPBUILDING ORDERS TAKEN BY JAPAN'S 35 MAJOR YARDS
DURING 6 MOS FROM APRIL FELL TO 208 VESSELS FROM 288
DURING SAME PD LAST YR. TOTAL TONNAGE SHIPS LAUNCHED
IN JAPAN FELL 49 PCT IN SAME PD (REUTER TOKYO).

GOJ SAYS JAPAN WILL HAVE BUMPER RICE HARVEST THIS YR,
ESTIMATED AT 13.09 METRIC TONS--4TH LARGEST ON RECORD.
FON MIN HATYAMA TOLD PRESS CONF JAPAN SHOULD CONSIDER
USING SURPLUS AS FOOD AID FOR INDONESIA/OTHER COUNTRIES
SUFFERING SHORTAGES (REUTER TOKYO).

WSJ'S JANSSEN (UK) DOES ITEM ON BRITISH OPPOSITION TO
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PROPOSED HITACHI TV PLANT IN WASHINGTON NEW TOWN.
REMARKS UK TV MFRS/THEIR LABOR UNIONS HAVE WHIPPED UP
BITTER CAMPAIGN AGAINST PLANT, CONTENDING IT WOULD
UNDERMINE/ULTIMATELY CAUSE DESTRUCTION BRITISH TV

INDUSTRY. HITACHI ARGUES UK SHOULD WELCOME CREATION
500 JOBS IN AREA WHERE UNEMPLOYMENT RUNS SOME 50 PCT
ABOVE UK AVG.

7. INDONESIA

JAKARTA DAILY "KOMPAS" SAID 11/1 PEOPLE IN SOME PARTS

BEEN FORCED EAT GRASS/TREE ROOTS DUE FOOD SHORTAGE
CAUSED BY LONG DROUGHT. SAID SOME 13,000 ON SUMBAWA
ISLAND, EAST OF BALI, SUFFERING FROM SUCH SHORTAGES
(REUTER JAKARTA).

8. THAILAND

AMEMB BANGKOK SPOKESMAN SAYS US HAS CUT BACK ITS CORPS
OF MIL ADVISORS IN THAILAND TO 40 IN RECENT WKS IN LINE
W/US LEGISLATION LIMITING MAG AROUND WORLD. THIS CUTS
US ADVISORS IN THAILAND BY HALF WHILE US RETAINS REFUELING
RTS AT TAKHLI (REUTER BANGKOK).

9. THAILAND/CAMBODIA

THAI FORCES HAVE REPELLED CAMBODIAN ATTACK ON BORDER
VILLAGE IN WHICH 3 VILLAGERS KILLED. FURTHER 16 VILLAGERS
MISSING AFTER KR TROOPS RAIDED HAMLET NEAR ARANYAPRATHET
BORDER DISTRICT 10/31, BURNED DOWN SCHOOL, 9 HOUSES
(REUTER BANGKOK, 10/31).

10. VIETNAM

ACCORDING REUTER (NYT HANOI), VN OPENING UP TO TOURISTS
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W/KINDNESS TYPICAL OF VIETS BUT W/ABOUT AS MUCH COMPREHEN-
SION OF WEST AS WESTERNERS HAVE OF VN. SAYS ONE MAJOR MIS-
UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WESTERN TOURISTS TIRE EASILY. BUT
SINCE THEY ARE BASICALLY DIVIDED INTO 2 CATEGORIES--POLIT-
ICALLY MOTIVATED/FEVERISH GLOBETROTTERS--THEY HAVE NO TIME
FOR REST. SAYS VIETS ALSO SERVE TOURISTS WESTERN FOOD,
WHEN MANY WANT LOCAL DISHES. MOST GRUMBLING, THO, CONCERNS
QUALITY HOTELS.

WSJ'S GOTTSCHALK NOTES AFTER LONG SILENCE, US MOVIE
MAKERS HAVE DECIDED TIME RIPE FOR LOOK AT ONCE-TABOO
FILM SUBJECT--VN WAR. AT LEAST 8 MOVIES ON SUBJECT, AT
TOTAL COST 68 MIL DOLS, BEING PREPARED FOR RELEASE THIS
FALL/NEXT YR.

11. VIETNAM/SINGAPORE

GOS SPOKESMAN SAID 10/31 "THERE IS NO TRUTH" IN VN NEWS

AGENCY/RADIO HANOI REPORTS THAT SINGAPORE HAS DECIDED RETURN HIJACKERS OF AIR VIETNAM PLANE. SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT ONCE INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETE, 4 TERRORISTS WOULD BE DEALT WITH IN ACCORDANCE W/INTL LAWS/CONVENTIONS. SENIOR GOVT SOURCE SAID HE EXPECTED DECISION ON MATTER W/IN NEXT 2 DAYS. DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS SAID GOS STATEMENTS INDICATE AUTHORITIES TAKING TOUGH STAND AGAINST HIJACKERS (REUTER'S EARNSHAW, SINGAPORE 10/31). IN 11/1 REPORT FROM SINGAPORE, REUTER'S FREEMAN SAYS DELAY IN DECISION HAS REINFORCED SPECULATION GOS SEEKING ESTABLISH JURISDICTION IN CASE/WILL PUT HIJACKERS ON TRIAL. GOS OFFICIAL REFUSED CONFIRM LOCAL NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT VN MADE OFFICIAL DEMAND FOR TERRORISTS' RETURN. GOVT ALSO REFUSED CONFIRM REPORTS THAT HIJACKERS HAD ASKED GO TO US OR FRANCE. AMEMB SPOKESMAN SAID EMB UNCLASSIFIED

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HAD NOT BEEN APPROACHED BY SINGAPORE AUTHORITIES ABOUT HIJACKING.

12. BURMA

HEAVY FIGHTING HAS BROKEN OUT BETWN GOVT FORCES/COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS IN BURMA'S NE BORDER REGION WHERE 600 GUERRILLAS REPORTED KILLED IN PAST 8 MOS. OBSERVERS SAY RESURGENCE REBEL ACTIVITY IN NE BORDER REGION COULD MEAN MAIN COMMUNIST THRUST HAS SWITCHED FROM EASTERN BURMA TO NE (REUTER BANGKOK).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

13. CHINA

BRZEZINSKI (WP) IN ARTICLE ON US FON POLICY MAKES FOLLOWING REMARKS RE PRC: NO STABLE/JUST WORLD ORDER WOULD BE COMPLETE W/O TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PROPER ROLE OF PRC. US RECOGNIZES THAT PEACE IN SEA AS WELL AS IN WORLD, DEPENDENT UPON "CONSTRUCTIVE" US/PRC RELATIONSHIP; THAT "MUTUAL INTEREST, NOT SENTIMENT" BROUGHT 2 COUNTRIES CLOSER TOGETHER. SAYS BOTH NATIONS MUST CONTINUE TO IMPROVE RELS. NORMALIZATION IS NECESSARY BUT EVEN SHORT THAT, BRZEZINSKI STATES, BOTH COUNTRIES WILL FIND IT USEFUL TO DEVELOP CLOSER CONSULTATIVE RELS. "A DEEPER CONSULTATIVE RELATIONSHIP," HE ASSERTS, "CAN RESULT IN AN APPROACH TO WORLD AFFAIRS THAT IS MUTUALLY REINFORCING/INCREASINGLY COOPERATIVE."

MORITZ (CSM PEKING) DOES BRIEF, IMPRESSIONISTIC ITEM ON PRC, DESCRIBING COUNTRY AS "PUZZLE." TO MORITZ, THAT PUZZLE BECOMES APPARENT WHEN A VISITOR ATTEMPTS TO SEPARATE THOSE ELEMENTS IN PRESENT-DAY CHINA THAT REFLECT ITS CONFUCIAN HERITAGE FROM THE ELEMENTS THAT REFLECT

ADHERENCE TO COMMUNIST-STYLE AUTHORITARIANISM. ONE'S
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INTERPRETATION, MORTIZ SUGGESTS, DOES NOT RESULT FROM
OBSERVATION OF A SINGLE OBJECTIVE REALITY BUT RATHER FROM
WHAT OBSERVER CHOOSES TO "SEE"; HOW HE SYNTHESIZES THIS
VISION.

14. INDOCHINA

IN SECOND ARTICLE FROM HANOI, ST LOUIS POST-DISPATCH'S
DUDMAN WRITES ABOUT "REMARKABLE" START VIETS HAVE MADE AT
RECOVERY. SAYS WORST IS OVER NOW THAT COUNTRY HAS BEGUN
TO FEED ITSELF. SAYS SEVERAL NEW COMMUNIST MGRS ACKNOW-
LEDGED THAT TASKS OF PEACE RIVALED THE TASKS OF WAR, BUT
SAID LITTL: AB"UT "EL"YS/BA-KSLIDING FREQUENTLY DENOUNCED
IN PUBLIC SPEECHES/COMMUNIST PAPERS. IN NORTH, DUDMAN
SAYS VIETS ATTEMPTING REACH MID-LEVEL INDUSTRIALIZATION BY
YR 2000 FROM STARTLINGLY PRIMITIVE BASE; KEEP MACHINERY
RUNNING THROUGH QUICK REPAIRS BY STREET MECHANICS.

REMAINING IN SOUTH, HE SAYS, IS RELATIVELY ADVANCED
INDUSTRIAL ECON, PARTLY MECHANIZED AGRIC SYSTEM, MODERN
HIGHWAY NETWORK. BUT CONTRARY TO REPORTS, HE SAYS SOUTH
APPEARS BE BURDEN RATHER THAN ASSET FOR HANOI. SINCE MANY
IN SKILLED PROFESSIONAL CLASS FLED COUNTRY, NORTH HAS HAD
TO SUPPLY SOUTH W/MGRS, TECHNICIANS, DOCTORS, TEACHERS,
EQUIPMENT, FOOD (BGLOBE, NYDN BOTH W/PHOTOS 10/31; WPOST
W/PHOTO, BSUN 11/1).

15. KOREA

BUCHANAN (NYDN) ASSERTS "SUCCESSFUL COVER-UP" OF CONGRES-
SIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN KOREAN BRIBERY SCANDAL IN MAKING.
CITES 6 "SLEAZY STEPS" POINT TOWARD FACT, INCL: EARLY
DISCLOSURE DOJ INDICTMENT TONGSUN PARK; FAILURE DOJ
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MISSION TO SEOUL; "BROAD HINTS" FROM ETHICS CMTE/DOJ THAT
MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE IMPLICATE ANY INCUMBENT. VANCE

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